



Eastern Arizona Type II Incident Management Team

Bear Paw Fire June 27, 2006 9:00 a.m.

Acres: 3200 Containment: 60% Cause: Downed Power Line Personnel: 319
Helicopters: 5 Engines: 28 Dozers: 3 Type 1 Crews 4 Type 2 Crews 5

NEW Satellite Fire Information Number: (254) 381-4406
You may also try (505) 429-1060

The Bear Paw Fire which started on Saturday, June 24 at 3 pm is located approximately 2 1/2 miles northwest of Regina, N.M. and 1 mile west of Gallina Plaza. It is burning in sagebrush, Piñon, juniper, ponderosa pine, and mixed conifer.

Yesterday's Activities: Monday was a good day all around. Fire crews were able to complete and secure about 200 chains of handline. A chain is a unit of measure and 1 chain equals 66 feet. Over 2 miles of line were cut yesterday by hand crews. On many sections of the fire, crews were into the mop-up stage. Mop-up is extinguishing or removing burning material near control lines, felling snags (a standing dead tree), and trenching logs to prevent rolling after an area has burned, to make a fire safe.

The most significant event yesterday was the lifting of both the road closure, and the evacuations. Everyone was very excited that this happened so quickly. It was a result of 2 1/2 days of hard work by fire fighters, and help from Mother Nature.

Tuesday June 27, 2006: Crews will not go out to the fire line until probably mid morning. This is mainly due to the significant amount of moisture we received yesterday afternoon. The supervisors for the crews will go out to the fire and check out the roads and the general condition of the footing in and around the area. This will give the sun a chance to dry everything out a bit. Their day could also be cut short on the back end if the weather brings another storm our way. All fire personnel had to be pulled off the fire early yesterday because of the intense lightning, thunder, and rain. Once on the fireline, their activities will include rehabilitation of some lines to help prevent the heavy downpours from causing erosion, and continued mop-up. Fire behavior today should not very active.

Weather for today will be similar to Monday's except the storms should be less severe and much slower moving. This is due to the high relative humidity .

Evacuations: All lifted as of 6 pm yesterday evening.

